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# Changes for county fair

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The Haliburton County Fair will be condensed into one day and will be held in June rather than August this year.

The board for the fair, which is run by the Minden Agricultural Society, recently decided that in 2016 the event will take place on a single day on Saturday, June 11.

For decades the fair, traditionally a multi-day event, has taken place during the third weekend of August.

The decision was based on a number of factors including attendance, cost, the availability of volunteers and competing events.

“There wasn’t enough throughout the day,” organizer Anne Cox says of feedback from attendees. “They wanted to be entertained the whole time. That costs a lot of money.”

The budget for the fair is more than \$50,000.

In recent years, events such as horse pulls, sheep shearing demonstrations, car shows and musical and children’s entertainment have been spread over two days.

While in the past the fair included some midway rides, “midways come based on [the number of] gates,” Cox says.

With attendance around 2,500, the Haliburton fair doesn’t garner the kind of traffic that makes midway rides feasible. Getting a single ferris wheel can cost \$10,000.

In recent years, children’s attractions have included a rock-climbing wall and inflatable bouncy castle and slide.

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**Ice ice baby**

Tenley Logan enjoys some skating at Minden’s S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on New Year’s Eve day. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

## Ontario hub for human trafficking: report

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Ontario is a hub for human trafficking and the sex trade, a report from the province’s select committee on sexual violence and harassment has concluded.

The committee, which was created on a motion from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, released its final report in December.

Scott, who was vice-chair of the committee, called for its creation in the fall of 2014. In the wake of the Jian Ghomeshi scandal at the CBC, numerous women were going public with their stories of sexual harassment, in the workplace and elsewhere.

The report contains recommendations for combating sexual harassment in workplaces and campuses and for creating better support systems for victims. It also contains a section on human trafficking and its seeming ubiquity in Ontario.

“Although often hidden, the select committee recognizes that human trafficking is a significant problem in Ontario,” the report reads. “Victims, mostly women and children, are deprived of their normal lives and forced to provide labour or sexual services, through a variety of coercive practices, all for the direct profit of their traffickers.”

see SCOTT page 4

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# Agricultural society AGM later this month

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A decline in the number of volunteers is also putting additional strain on existing volunteers.

"We're getting old," Cox says.

There has also been increasing competition from events inside and outside the county on the August weekend and it's hoped that the June date will avoid some of these conflicts.

Cox says there will also be a renewed focus on the fair's agricultural roots, bringing in more animals along with more farm-centric and educational activities.

The board's annual general meeting will take place at the Minden United Church on Saturday, Jan. 23 beginning at 5 p.m. and anyone interested in getting involved with the fair or with new ideas for the event is welcome to attend. The cost is \$20, which includes dinner.

Tickets can be purchased from Cox at 705-286-6155 or Wendy Connelly at 705-286-1225.

This year will mark the 152nd Haliburton County Fair.



## Kindness from Kin Club

Jim Carrell and Andy Rickard from the Minden Kinsmen present a \$1,500 cheque to food bank manager Joanne Barnes and chairwoman Marilynne Lesperance for the Christmas Basket Fund. Funds were raised through the Kinsmen Super TV Bingo. /Submitted by Pat Thornett

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# Health unit confirms first local case of flu

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

With the flu season just ramping up, it's difficult to gauge how effective this year's vaccines will be, but as always, the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging residents to get the shot.

"Based on much scientific evidence and surveillance information of circulating influenza viruses, the World Health Organization makes recommendations in February of every year and provides a guide to national public health authorities and vaccine manufacturers for the development and production of influenza vaccines for the next influenza season," explains Anne Marie Holt, the health unit's director of communicable disease control, epidemiology and evaluation. "In contrast to many other vaccines, the viruses in influenza vaccines have to be updated frequently because circulating influenza viruses continuously evolve."

For this flu season, the trivalent vaccines being used by the health unit contain an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus, an A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2)-like virus and a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus.

The quadrivalent vaccines being used contain these viruses and a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.

"So far the influenza strains that we are seeing are consistent with the strains contained in the vaccine," Holt says. "However, since the influenza season is just ramping up, it is really too early to tell regarding how well the vaccine 'matches' the circulating influenza strains."

Two flu cases thought to be linked to travel outside Canada were reported in October and last week, the first local lab-confirmed flu case of the year was reported to the health unit, the virus being A pH1N1.

The health unit recommends that anyone over the age of six months get the annual flu shot.

"When there is a good match between the flu vaccine and the circulating flu strains, people's risk of getting sick from influenza is greatly reduced," Holt says. "People who get the flu shot can still get sick from influenza, but if they do, it is usually milder than if they had not been vaccinated. The flu is a preventable, but serious respiratory illness caused by a virus."

According to the health unit, each year 200,000 doctor visits and 1,000 hospitalizations in Ontario are attributable to the flu.

The cost of the shot is covered by the provincial government.



## Catching air

Minden's Clementine Bainbridge and Owen Whitteker fly off a jump while tobogganing at a local hill on Sunday, Jan. 3. Like many areas throughout the province, snow only arrived in Minden following Christmas.

/DARREN LUM Staff

## Driver suspended after RIDE check

On Dec. 17, at approximately 3:39 p.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere check at Gelert Road and South Lake Road in Minden Hills. Officers observed a vehicle enter the RIDE check and met with the male driver. As a result of the investigation, a 53-year-old man from Minden Hills has been charged with driving while under suspension contrary to sec 53(1) of the Highway Traffic Act.

The man is scheduled to appear in Provincial Offences Court in Minden on Jan. 7.

### Drivers charged with several offences

On Sunday, Dec. 13, just shortly after 4 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were alerted to a possible impaired driver on Highway 35 in Minden Hills.

Officers observed the vehicle in question parked in a vacant parking lot on the west side of Highway 35 at the intersection of County Road 21.

Investigation revealed that male

driver had been consuming alcohol. Officers also seized a quantity of suspected marihuana.

A 36-year-old man from Halton Hills was arrested and charged with Care or Control while Impaired; Care or Control Over 80 mgs; Possession of a Schedule II Substance-Cannabis Marijuana – over 30 grams contrary.

A 90-day driver's licence suspension was issued and his vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused was released from custody and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Feb. 3.

On Dec. 11, at approximately 9:50 p.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were on patrol and observed a vehicle driving extremely slow on County Road 21 just east of Wonderland Road in Dysart et al.

Officers conducted a vehicle stop and upon speaking with the male driver, the officer detected the odour of alcohol on the driver's breath. A roadside screening test was performed and the driver registered a fail. He was placed under arrest and was transported to the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment for further testing.

As a result a 54-year-old from Dysart et al has been charged with the following offences:

Driving while ability impaired

Driving with more than 80 mgs  
Driving while disqualified  
Driving while under suspension  
Using plate not authorized for vehicle  
Operating motor vehicle without insurance

The accused was released from custody and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Feb. 3.

## Suspended driver charged

On Dec. 17, at approximately 1:36 p.m., a Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police officer conducted a traffic stop on a Ford pickup truck for a traffic violation on Highway 35, near Nye Lane in Minden.

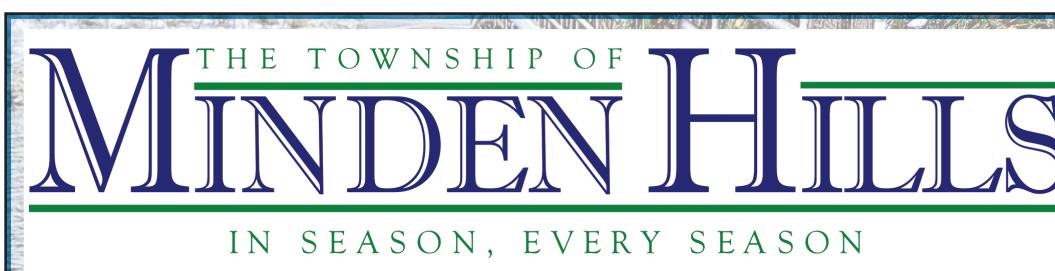
As a result of the investigation, a 21-year-old woman from Fenelon Township, has been charged with the following offences:

Driving while under suspension contrary to sec 53(1) of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA)

Drive motor vehicle, no currently validated permit contrary to sec 7(1)(a) of the HTA

The woman is scheduled to appear in Provincial Offences Court of Justice in Minden on Jan. 7.

- Submitted by the OPP



### MEETINGS & EVENTS

January 28

9:00 am, COTW/Regular Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers  
\*Please note that Council has reduced its meeting schedule to one meeting in January to be held on Thursday, January 28, 2015.

**Council will commence 2016 Budget Deliberations during this scheduled meeting.**

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# Scott pushes province to create human trafficking task force

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The committee found that most victims of human trafficking are Canadian.

"While human trafficking is commonly associated with foreign victims crossing international borders, recent charges and convictions indicate that the vast majority of victims in Canada (over 90 per cent) are trafficked domestically (i.e., all stages of the trafficking occur within Canadian borders)," the report reads. "Human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation has been found to be the most common form of trafficking in Canada, with Ontario functioning as a major 'hub.' In these cases, traffickers force victims to provide sexual services to customers, usually in

psychologically manipulated by their 'boyfriends.' Isolated from friends and families, the victims are confined, beaten and sexually exploited by traffickers who earn over \$280,000 a year from just one victim."

Committee members travelled the province, consulting with survivors of sexual harassment and violence, family members, healthcare, justice and social workers in the creation of the report.

The report acknowledges a culture that marginalizes sexual harassment.

"Rape culture perpetuates the myth that women lie about sexual assault, and makes it acceptable to ask them what they were wearing or if they had consumed alcohol at the time," it reads. "It means that it can take dozens of women coming forward before people will believe that an incident of sexual violence or harassment occurred, particularly if a celebrity, powerful boss, or influential person is accused. Rape culture makes it difficult for victims to name what has happened to them, even though they know they have been violated against their will. Rape culture treats sexual assault as entertainment, and sends subtle messages through the media and many forms of new technology that women and girls are to be admired mostly for their appearances and sexuality. It encourages men and boys to believe that they have a right to sexual access to women, and belittles them if they cannot attain it. Rape culture makes it hard for men and boys who have experienced incidents of sexual violence to report them and obtain care, as society does not recognize that they can also be victimized."

Scott has promised to continue to push the government to take action on the problem of human trafficking.

"I will continue to work hard to try and abolish human trafficking in Ontario," she said in a release. "With these new recommendations in hand, I will move forward with this issue and do what needs to be done to make sure that combatting this heinous crime is a priority for this government."

Some of the report's many recommendations include expanded public awareness programs, more training for front-line workers in health, justice and education and improving the court system so that officials better understand the realities of sexual assault and its impact on victims.

It also recommends ways to improve workplace culture within police forces and military, such as by creating an independent review and investigation process be available to deal with sexual violence and harassment that occurs within law enforcement organizations.

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# Where opportunity and hard work meet

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

When they immigrated to Canada from India in 2002, Peter and Dipa Shah had \$2,000.

Today, the Minden residents have 13 Subway franchises.

"If you are hard working, then there is very good opportunity for you," Peter says, explaining why the family decided to apply to come to Canada.

A textile engineer in India, Peter says it was the country's massive population (at 1.2 billion as of 2013) that helped make the decision to leave.

"There is a lot of competition," he says.

The Shahs spent about 15 months in Scarborough before making their way to Haliburton County.

"We were looking for something to buy," Peter explains.

There was an opportunity to purchase a Subway franchise in Mississauga, or one in Minden.

The Shahs chose the latter.

"In Mississauga, the price is very high, rent is very high," Peter says.

As immigrants without established credit ratings, it was difficult for the Shahs to get a loan the traditional way.

"Not a single bank is ready to lend money," Peter explains.

However, the federally funded Haliburton County Development Corporation was prepared to take that leap, providing a loan to springboard the business.

"At that time, we didn't have any resources to get money, so thanks to [HCDC executive director] Andy Campbell,"



Peter says.

Today, the Shahs own 13 Subway franchises, having purchased three this past summer.

Along with the original Minden store, they have shops in Haliburton, Gravenhurst, Coboconk, Lindsay, Oakville, Mississauga and six in Peterborough.

Peter says Subway is a good franchise because the food is healthy and it's a relatively easy operation.

"Customers get the value out of their money," he says.

When they moved to Minden in 2004, the Shahs' three children – two daughters and a son – were enrolled at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

While the kids are now living in Peterborough, Mississauga and Waterloo, respectively, the Shahs are happy at home in Minden.

"It's a nice community," Dipa says. "Nice people."

Peter and Dipa Shah had \$2,000 when they moved to Canada in 2002. Today, they own 13 Subway franchises.

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## Reformatting the fair

2016 WILL BE a year of changes for the Haliburton County Fair as organizers alter its format.

The fair will be held earlier than usual this year, on a single day in June, rather than over a weekend in August, and hopefully the changes will make the event more sustainable.

According to the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, fairs throughout the province have seen declining attendance in recent years.

While sad, this makes sense.

Country fairs are becoming things of the past, relics from a reality that doesn't exist anymore.

Most of Ontario's fairs trace their origins back to the 19th century – the Haliburton fair celebrates its 152nd anniversary this year – to a time when the majority of Ontarians were rural.

According to Statistics Canada, in 1861, 1,137,899 Ontario residents lived in rural areas while 258,192 made their home in urban centres.

That's 82 per cent of the province's population living rurally, versus 18 per cent in cities.

In 2011, there were 1,806,036 rural Ontarians and 11,045,785 urbanites.

That's 14 per cent of the province's population living rurally, versus 86 per cent in cities. That's essentially the inverse of a century and half

before.

Functioning farms once covered the Ontario landscape while today farmers are nearly as elusive as Big Foot or Haliburton's sidehill gouger.

As the agricultural backbone of fairs started to suffer sclerosis, fair organizers had to diversify and modernize to continue to bring people through the gates.

Think of some of the province's largest and most successful fairs and it's their midways and grandstand entertainment, not horse pulls, that are the main draw.

In a scene that was a living metaphor, last year at the Kinmount Fair I watched as horses paraded for no one behind the stage where country band Doc Walker was playing for thousands of people.

For fairs that can't afford flashy midways or mainstream headliners, it's more and more difficult to draw crowds.

But there's hope.

By condensing the Haliburton fair to a single day, the Minden Agricultural Society should be able to save some money on operating costs.

And a growing local food movement throughout Ontario may mean that a renewed interest in things agricultural is on the proverbial horizon.

By refocusing the fair on its agricultural roots, organizers may be able to capitalize on this growing trend.



CHAD INGRAM  
Reporter

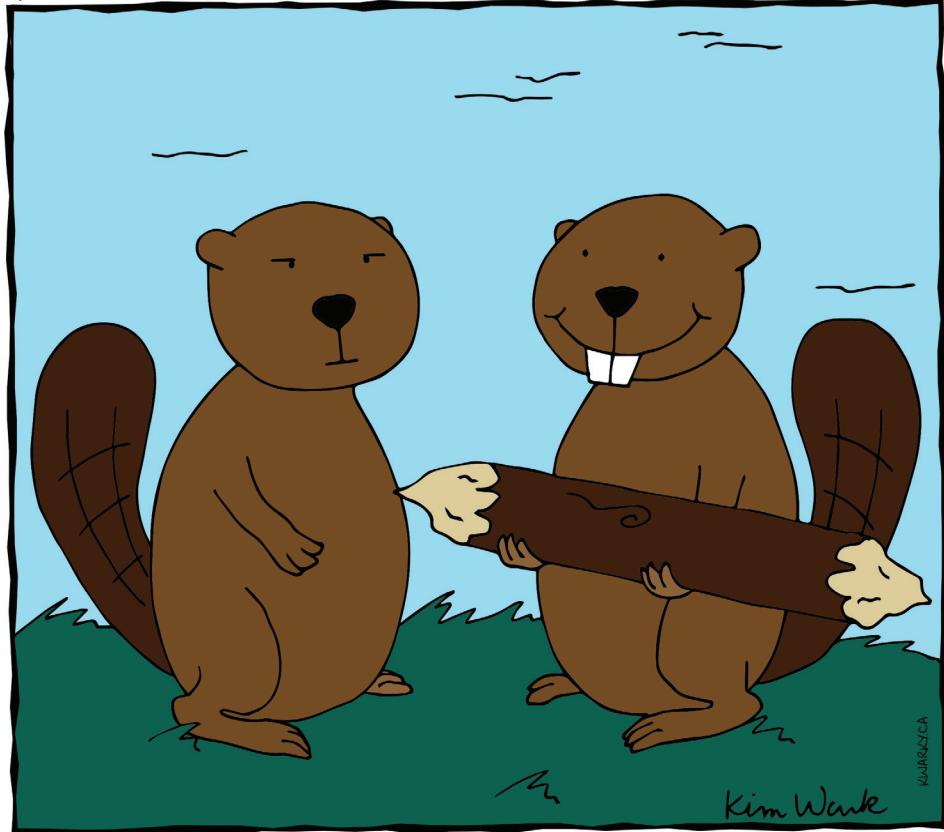
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"HAPPY 5TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY-WOOD!"

## Spitting in the face of death

THIS MORNING I perused an article that suggested a simple spit test could help predict a person's life expectancy. Apparently, there is an antibody in our saliva whose level decreases as we approach death.

Interesting, I guess, but I am neither impressed nor interested.

After all, this is nothing new.

Back when I was a kid, you could also learn about your life expectancy by a simple spit test – and it took a lot less science too.

The test went something like this: if your spit hit the big, mean guy, you had somewhere between five seconds and two days to live – depending on who was the faster runner and how well you could hide.

All tests aside, I often wonder what the point is of determining your life expectancy anyhow. After all, so many unexpected things can happen between now and the time science predicts your demise.

And how accurate could this be? I can't help but think cultural factors play into it. For instance, how are you going to get a reliable test in France with all the French kissing they do? A researcher would hardly know whose saliva they were dealing with.

In any case, knowing how long you are supposed to live is probably not a good thing. Heck, this might even work against you.

I could just see it now.

"Look guys," the captain says, "we're pinned down by enemy fire and they are bringing in more troops, tanks, artillery and air strikes by the minute. Our communications are out. The only way we're

going to get out of this is by sending one very brave runner out on a suicide mission across 300 yards of coverless terrain and across a treacherous mine field to get word of our plight out to headquarters. I'd ask for volunteers, but Johnson here just got spit-tested and he's supposed to live to 93..."

Yet, even if no one else took advantage of this knowledge, it might cause you to get a little cocky and harm yourself. For instance, knowing you have a lot more years left in you might mean you play fast and loose with crosswalks or deliberately walk under ladders in front of black cats. You might even honestly answer the dangerous question:



STEVE GALEA  
Beyond 35

"Does this dress make my butt look big?"

Each of these things can easily trump scientific predictions and lead to your premature demise.

On the other hand, knowing you have very little time left is not a good thing either. You might actually tell your mother

in law exactly how you feel. Or decide to take up mixed martial arts. Or spend everything you have on a trip to Vegas. Or, worse still, you might finally buy that brass spittoon you always wanted.

The end result in each case is no different. Your chance of survival is shot.

Do what you want but, as for me, I'd truly rather not know. There are some things in life, after all, that are probably best left as a bit of a surprise – death being chief among them.

In fact, I prefer Woody Allen's famous quote on the subject. He said, "I am not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens."

And that is why I'm not buying a brass spittoon any time soon.

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

# 2016: The Year of Living Differently?

**T**HAT WAS NICE. The last two months of the year filled with optimism, generated mostly by a new federal government. Lots of cooing and gushing about positive change.

And a cheery - albeit mild and snowless - Christmas season. I can still hear the echoes of Frank Sinatra crooning "Have yourself a merry little Christmas," the tune that assures us that from now on our troubles will be out of sight.

Not quite. When we woke up New Year's Day the world's worries remained, looming tall and threatening. The largest is global warming, which should be obvious considering our scary December weather.

The Paris climate change summit last month left many people feeling more relaxed about the global warming threat. The summit of 196 countries agreed to slow the rate of global warming, although there were few specifics on how that might be done.

We have to be hopeful that the Paris agreement will set us on a path to saving our deteriorating planet. The odds are against us, however.

To begin with, the world relies on coal and oil for roughly two-thirds of its energy needs. There no longer is much doubt that continued uncontrolled use of both has the potential to make the earth uninhabitable.

World coal consumption declined in 2015, however many economic forecasters believe coal use will increase in coming years. Coal is abundant and far cheaper to produce power than oil or natural gas.

In 2013, the World Resources Institute estimated that 1,200 new coal-fired power plants were being planned throughout the world. The majority were in China and India, countries where economic growth is booming and demanding more power sources.

Coal is the key fuel in these two countries, and in many developing nations, and its use is expected to increase worldwide until at least 2020.

Also, the number of motor vehicles in the world surpassed one billion in 2010. Their number today is estimated at 1.2 billion and expected to double to 2.5 billion by 2050. Ninety-eight per cent of them burn gasoline or diesel.

With 2.5 billion vehicles, average fuel efficiency will have to double just to keep carbon emissions at today's level. However, scientists suggest that we will need to cut average carbon emissions by 80 per cent to stabilize the impacts of global warming.

Coal and oil use are not the only threats to the world environment. The greatest threat is ourselves and our production-based lifestyle.

The Christmas season just passed is an example. The U.S. energy department estimates that decorative seasonal lights consume 6.6 billion kilowatt hours of electricity every year in that country. That is more than the total annual national electrical consumption of many developing countries.

This is one small example of the runaway consumerism and overproduction that our society needs to rethink. We need to talk about how we can live more simply with less.

We have made impressive advances in trying to control our pollution. Recycling, composting, solar and wind energy, automotive pollution controls are examples. But these are controls that slow, but not stop, our environmental degradation.

What we need is a change in attitude. An attitude that helps us understand that our planet does not exist only for us. It exists for everything. Everything in the world is connected and has a purpose, and everything deserves our respect.

I see lack of respect whenever I take a walk along Highway 35. The shoulders and ditches are strewn with beer and pop cans, water bottles, paper coffee cups, juice boxes, cigarettes packs and a variety of plastic containers.

On my walks I usually find one piece of garbage every 20 steps. All this is crap tossed from vehicle windows. It's hard to imagine how we will stop global warming when people still throw garbage from carbon-emitting vehicles that are growing at an alarming rate.

Now there is talk of populating a new planet. That I guess goes with the thinking that when you fill one garbage dump you simply find another.

I like living here and don't want to move. So instead of booking a seat on the first populating mission to Mars, I'll try lessening my individual impacts on the world.

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## letters to the editor

## What's the point?

## To the editor:

(re: Bridge requires major work - Minden Times, Dec. 23, 2015)

It comes as no surprise to us that people aren't reporting incidents of misuse of the rail trail. It doesn't mean that things are fine on the trail, it means that reporting incidents is a waste of time.

We have lived in our home, which is adjacent to the trail, since 2000, so have witnessed activity on it for almost 16 years, before, during, and after the Rail Trail Committee. In December 2014 we were surprised to read in the paper about the report to County Council which said that there had been no reports of misuse during the year. We had no idea that one could report misuse, so in early 2015 we contacted the county to ask how one should go about reporting them.

We were advised to contact several people and organizations when we noticed misuse: Pam Weiss at the county, the OPP, the bylaw officer, as well as the snowmobile or ATV club, depending on which season it was. We did this for a while, and then realized that it was a complete waste of time because 1) there is a lot of misuse during peak seasons, 2) we're supposed to make three to four phone calls for each one, 3) the people who need to know are already aware,

and 4) because the monitoring is spotty at best, the misusers have little chance of being caught.

We had a visit from an OPP officer who understood our frustration. He said that the OPP is well aware of the situation, but is only able to monitor activity on a limited basis. We talked to the bylaw officer, and he said that he couldn't monitor for speed or stopping at driveways, but was out in the spring before the trail opened for ATV activity. The snowmobile club said that it would remind its members about stopping at driveways, and ATV club emailed back to say that its members are aware, but very few locals are members.

So we've decided not to bother reporting incidents any more. What's the point? Until a way is found to adequately monitor activity on the trail there will be no improvement. We wrote to the members of County Council via the director of public works at the end of November to tell them of our observations during the year. We told them that reporting is a waste of time, but that they shouldn't assume that all is well on the trail just because no reports are received. In the article Reeve Moffatt said that "it was a bit of a wild west out there" while the Rail Trail plan was being drafted. It still is.

Elaine Bell and Jack Bush  
Haliburton

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# Razzamataz opens with Alice in Wonderland

The first Razzamataz Kids' Shows of the new year is family favourite: *Alice in Wonderland*. But this isn't your typical rendition of the classic story of a girl in a different world.

It's part dance, part theatre, part triathlon. "It's extremely energetic, a lot of physicality, a lot of throwing and running and dancing," says co-writer/co-director James Croker of Motus O Dance Theatre. "It's all the same characters but leans more towards the original book by Lewis Carroll. The take we took is that Alice enters into the world and is trying to make sense of a world that just doesn't make sense. It's frustrating for her but a lot of fun for us." Croker plays the Mad Hatter, Rabbit and Tweedledum.

*Alice* is the second show that Motus O Dance Theatre created back in 1992. The production toured for almost 10 years before being shelved. It was only brought back a few years ago and will be in Haliburton at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday, Jan. 10.

Croker says there is something in *Alice* for the whole family. "The kids all laugh because it's got quite a bit of buffoonery in it, [they] love that type of interaction but we also do social or political commentary for the adults. Also we use a number of Queen songs in it as well as a lot of modern and classical music. The way we approach theatre and dance is we write the shows for the child in every adult and the adult in every child." Croker says he feels many children's shows are pandered down for the kids when they shouldn't be. "Kids deal with pretty much everything that we deal with as adults, so we really want to encourage them to approach theatre as a sense as you can understand this and you have a voice in there. If we can activate the audience's imagination then we have won because their imagination is far more powerful than

anything we can bring to the stage."

Don't think that this is also a play where you just sit back, relax and enjoy what's on stage. There is plenty of chances for you to be part of the performance as well. Croker is holding a dance residency for all aspiring dancers Saturday, Jan. 9 and Sunday, Jan. 10.

Croker says dancers of all ages will be auditioned to be in the show. "There are five scenes that they partake in – one is where Alice is looking for the white rabbit's gloves, another is the caterpillar scene and a whole scene where they are part of the croquet game with the Queen."

The residency is \$30 which includes the price of your show ticket. Contact Dawn Hurd at 705-854-0728 or email [dawnmole\\_393@hotmail.com](mailto:dawnmole_393@hotmail.com) to register.

Croker adds that live performances can be very powerful and being a part of the show deepens the experience, "It's real people doing real things in real time. As wonderful as movies and TV are, they pre-focus you – they tell you where to look and tell you how to interpret the scene, but in real theatre you can be looking pretty much anywhere you want. The power of real theatre is that there can be many, many interpretations and experiences plus there is nothing quite like real people in real time doing real things. It immediately engages your imagination."

Tickets to *Alice in Wonderland* are available at the door – \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids and those under two are free. Tickets are also available online at [www.razzamataz.ca](http://www.razzamataz.ca).

Razzamataz Kids' Shows is a local non-profit volunteer group that has been bringing high quality live children's entertainment to Haliburton County for 30 years.

Submitted by Carolyn Allder

## Happy New Year to all Legion br. 636

to these and all volunteers who keep our Legion operating so well.

Among those to be congratulated for their long service to the Royal Canadian Legion, were Keith Purdy for 50 years, James Hockley and Clem Hewitt for 40 years. With 35 years Long Service were Andrew Broersma, Gwen Cox, Gareth Kellett, Alan Manning, John Massey, James May, Lois McKnight and R.J. Wiltshire. There were a total of 85 Long Service pins and 10 Executive bars presented by President Judy during the Honours & Awards section. The early bird winner of a free membership for 2017 was Sam Spitale.

Check your membership card, if it still says 2015, you'll need to hurry to keep your Legion magazine coming and to be able to participate in Legion activities.

see ZONE page 9

# Pond hockey tournament delayed until 2017

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

A few months wasn't enough time to organize the Pond Tourney with Bernie, said its organizer John Teljeur.

Teljeur, the general manager of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre with two years of experience helping organize Haliburton's Canadian Pond Hockey Championships in 2013 and 2014, cited a lack of sponsors and players as reasons for the postponement.

Although he was working hard towards running the event even with the shortfall, it led to a late start that the event couldn't recover from.

"We got a late start to getting this thing going. We were waiting for a couple of key players [sponsors] to jump aboard in the summer and that summer became fall and by the time they declined for this year we decided [in October] ... to push ahead anyway and see if we could save the thing for 2016. So that got us a late start," he said.

The three day event, which offered four divisions: men's open (ages 35 plus), men's recreation (ages 35 plus), women's open division (ages 35 plus) and women's recreation (ages 35 plus), was scheduled for the end of January. It has been postponed to Jan. 27 to 29, 2017.

The event named for former NHLer Bernie Nicholls of West Guilford.

It was going to raise money for local charities and fill the void left behind the second year absence of the Championships,

which was held in Huntsville last year after its organizing company, J-Core Marketing was unsuccessful in receiving \$75,000 over three years from Haliburton County.

Bookings for the Bernie event were slow during November and early December. The warm weather during December contributed and with close to 20 teams registered by early December it was a far cry from the expected 40 teams, ideal for the first year of a tournament.

"It is supposed to be a fun event, but people are playing for something so it would have been nice to have upwards of 40 teams to make a real go of it. If you're not going to do it then don't do it," he said.

Teljeur said the postponement will ensure a better event.

He is open to modifying the event and to give players worthwhile incentives, but wants to continue to emphasize the fun aspect of the tournament.

"I still want to make it a fun event. That's the best part about it, but I also want to have a bit more competition. Going on my experience running [a pond hockey tournament] and being involved in it it's always nice to have a little bit of incentive to compete but at the same time not lose sight [that] it is a fun event and a experience together and just be part of it."

Teljeur hopes it can be a "destination type of event."

One that teams will mark on their calendar for the winter that will not just benefit his resort and the entire community.

"The long range plan for this is to make it back to a community event, whether they're staying at the Pinestone or one of the other resorts, or cottage rental agencies. It doesn't make any difference to have them here at the Pinestone. I'd love to have them here at the Pinestone. The biggest challenge is to get them here in Haliburton," he said.

Another idea he is thinking of is to utilize the various large rooms at the Pinestone such as the ballroom or the Heatherwood for theme nights, corresponding to a major sponsor such as Molson/Coors, who along with RPM, had committed to the event.

Unlike the Championships, this first time effort needed to make purchases related to equipment such as nets, and signage, including marketing.

Without two key sponsors, the event was short on time and money.

Teljeur felt a sense of relief after the recent decision to postpone the event in light of the challenges.

In discussions with other organizations and individuals involved, the decision was accepted as best for the event.

"There's lots of time. We'll do it right and let's sit down in late winter and talk about what we're going to do next. I feel a lot better about the fact there is still interest in doing this and there is an opportunity to do this. We're not giving up by any stretch of the imagination," he said.



Mindenites were busy cleaning up the white stuff Dec. 29 after Minden got its first substantial snowfall of the winter during a storm. The storm system had covered parts of Texas in snow days earlier and worked its way north. CHAD INGRAM Staff

## Zone darts

from page 8

Zone F4 Sports events are starting up again. This is a great opportunity to share in the friendly comradeship with other Branches in our area. Our Zone includes members from 13 other nearby branches. The cheering section is always open to the public but in order to participate you'll need a valid Legion membership card. Talk to other Cribbage fans who are also Legion members and put together a team to head to Coboconk on January 23rd, with registration at 10am. Cost is \$40 per team. Winners will be advancing to Pickering on Feb 13th. Zone Darts competition takes place February 6 in Brechin, with winners going on to District Level on Feb 20th in Ajax.

Being able to participate in Zone Sports is just one of the benefits of being a Legion member. Join the Minden Legion today and access great savings and deals through the Legion's Member Benefits Package. Let your membership pay for itself with special offers from such companies as Best Western, Shaw Direct and Carlson Wagonlit Travel. For the full list, go to [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca), under Members. Minden Legion would like to welcome the following new members: Terri Cameron, Elizabeth Sluyters, Ronald Sluyters and Joyce Wiltshire, with Barry Cameron transfer-in, Andrew Messner reinstatement.

On December 23rd just in time for Christmas festivities, Dave Camelon won a \$75 gift card from Easton's ValuMart. Special thanks from Minden Legion to Linda Easton for her generous donation toward the gift card. Get your tickets on a gift certificate from the 50's Diner in Minden, the draw date will be 29th January.

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Results: Alexius Mills; Star 5 Freeskate-2nd, Star 5 Elements-1st Shae MacNaull; SR BR Freeskate-3rd, SR BR Elements-3rd Jordyn Greer; BR Interpretive-5th, Star 5 Freeskate-3rd, SR BR Elements-6th Ruthie Parker; Star 5 Elements -1st, Star 4 Freeskate-1st Madison Allaire; Star 4 Freeskate-4th Melanie Walter; Pre-Intro Interpretive-Gold, Star 4 Freeskate-1st Ava Allaire; Pre-Intro Interpretive-Silver, Star 3 Freeskate-Silver Hannah Gartshore; Star 3 Freeskate-Silver Abby Rosik; Star 2 Freeskate-Silver

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# 2015 Year in Review

## January

### Outage leads to chilly Christmas

Strong winds left many Haliburton County residents without electricity during the most wonderful time of the year. At its peak, the outage left more than 2,000 local Hydro One customers without power. It began in the early morning hours of Christmas Day and, for some, lasted until Boxing Day.

### Minden Hills man implicated in stock fraud

A man with property in Minden Hills was sanctioned by the B.C. Securities Commission. Erwin Speckert was banned from acting as a registrant or stock promoter or engaging in investment relations management or consulting for the next five years.

### Man dies in Hwy 35 collision

An 81-year-old Coboconk man died in a car crash off Highway 35 on Jan. 3 near Ravine Road. James Corbett

was driving northbound when he failed to negotiate a turn, OPP said.

### Museum celebrates 30 years

The Minden Hills Museum marked three decades in 2015 and kicked off the year with 30 Years, 30 Artifacts – an exhibit showing off the museum's collection. The oldest artifact the museum has is a hand-drawn map dating to 1861 that shows the lots and concessions of Minden Township.

### Food hub opens in Minden

The Haliburton County Food Centre opened its doors housing the Minden Food Bank, a community kitchen and acts as a depot for other food banks. The 5,000-square-foot facility was a joint project between the food bank and the Minden Masonic Hall.

### Province launches \$1 million program for elderly

More than \$1 million will be used to establish a Geriatric Assessment and Integration Network (GAIN), establish behavioural supports for those with mental health or neurological conditions, hire a community GAIN coordinator, provide assisted living for high-risk seniors, establish a palliative care community team and provide

physiotherapy services.

### Pharmasave changes hands

One of Minden's largest businesses was sold on Jan. 12. Phong Tan purchased the business from pharmacists Richard Smith and Peter Meraw, who have run the downtown drugstore for the last nine years. "It's mainly a lifestyle decision," said Meraw. "It's fairly high-octane work. It's enjoyable work too. Overall, it's been very positive."

### Former airport manager defends himself

Duane Hicks, the former manager of the Stanhope Airport, said the charges against him were frivolous and he would defend himself in court. On Jan. 7, OPP announced that Hicks had been charged with two counts of theft for alleged fraudulent activity during his time as airport manager.

### MPP contacts MTO over roads

Local MPP Laurie Scott wrote to the Ministry of Transportation asking the to address the conditions of the provincial highways locally.

"I drive the roads and see it myself. The roads were better maintained before they went to this privatization of the winter maintenance program," she said. The multi-national corporation Carillion was in its third year of a 10-year contract to maintain the highways in the Haliburton County area – highways 35 and 118.



The Haliburton County Food Centre on Minden's Newcastle Street opens. Here, lead cook Marilyn Lesperance and Minden food bank manager Joanne Barnes stand in the building's kitchen where a 10-burner stove and stainless steel counters were soon to be installed. The marble-topped island - provided by Chaulk Woodworking - will be used for cooking demonstrations. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Richard Smith, left, and Peter Meraw, right, with new Minden Pharmasave owner Phong Tan. Smith and Meraw ran the pharmacy on Minden's main drag for nearly nine years.

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## Council asked to allow backyard hens

Angel Taylor of the farmers' market association made a presentation to Minden Hills council on Jan. 15 asking them to review their planning bylaws to allow small-scale agriculture. She said that many communities were allowing backyard hens. Her presentation was well-received by councillors, who indicated they would consider changing the bylaws, but urged residents to abide by the current restrictions until that happened.

## Minden joins Hockeyville challenge

Minden announced it would participate in the contest to become the 2015 Kraft Hockeyville winner. The two winning communities receive \$100,000 and a pre-season NHL game. Minden Hills community services director Mark Coleman said the town had a strong affinity for hockey and the greatest need for the cash with \$2.5 million in renovations needed to extend the lifespan of the 40-year-old arena.

## OPP bill hits Minden Hills budget hard

Minden Hills councillors felt the pressure of the increased OPP bills as they put together their budget for the year. Passed by the province in August of 2014, the new OPP billing formula will double Haliburton County's collective OPP bill from \$3.3 million to \$6.3 million

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over five years. The increase is being phased in. In Minden Hills, the OPP requisitions jumped by \$245,000 in the first year – a 4.13 per cent increase over the 2014 tax levy.

## Condo proposed for Newcastle Street

Greystone proposed a condo project to Minden Hills council at their Jan. 29 meeting. The intent is to build a 15-unit condo at 9 Newcastle St., Greystone owner Patrick Dube and Peter Brady of Trophy Property Corp. told councillors. Council said they would make a decision in March.

5. A press release called the move "streamlining operations" and Darren Levstek was let go. Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, became the curator of the entire cultural centre. The move was about saving money and also adjusting how the cultural centre operates. It had seen declining engagement from the public in recent years.

## Minden skaters win gold

Dedication and hard work paid off for four skaters from the Minden skating club (and one from Fenelon Falls) who headed to Nepean for the Eastern Ontario Section Invitational Competition on Feb. 13 to 15.

Gold medals were awarded to two dance couples – River Christiano and Morgan Raffo; and Isaac Little and Melanie Walter. Minden skater Jordyn Greer participated for her first time in singles competition and placed 10th, just four points off first place.

## 55+ Winter Games brings golden finish

Several Haliburton residents took home top prizes at the winter games, held across Haliburton County in February. The games offered a chance to compete for those over 55 years old in ice hockey, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, table tennis, curling, duplicate bridge and more.

## COSSA brings top results for Haliburton

On Feb. 19, the Red Hawks wrestling team competed in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics wrestling tournament at Quinte Secondary in Belleville. Keagan Gillam and Matt Sexsmith advanced to OFSAA from that tournament.

## Junior boys' basketball team wins silver

The junior boys captured the Kawartha A championship in February and advanced to the COSSA final. The boys returned with a silver from the championship.

## Farmers market eyes downtown Minden

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association sent representatives to Minden Hills council on Feb. 25 to pitch the idea of a market in the village. The market had 39 vendors in 2014 with a gross income of \$285,000. The issue was referred to staff with council positive about the

# February

## Staff reduced in cultural centre 'streamlining'

The curator of the Minden Hills Museum lost his job in a shakeup at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Feb.



This year's recipient of the tourism and hospitality award was Sunny Rock B&B owner Sally Moore (with partner Jan Clarke out of frame) reminds people to say, "welcome to the the Haliburton Highlands" during her acceptance speech on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Pinestone Resort at the ninth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala. /DARREN LUM Staff



Brigitte Gall provided laughs and entertainment as the MC for the Ontario 55+ Winter Games closing ceremonies on Feb. 19. Held in the gymnasium of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the evening event congratulated all the participants on their efforts in the games and offered accolades for the medal winners. The recent games marked the second time the Haliburton Highlands has hosted the event.

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## Minden businesses honoured at chamber gala

Several Minden-area businesses took home honours on Feb. 28 at the annual Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Gala at Pinestone. Supertrax media won the Innovation and Creativity Award; Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast won the Tourism and Hospitality Award; Yummy Mummy Emporium won the Customer First Award; the Minden Times and Haliburton Echo received the Business Achievement Award. Jim Blake was named Highlander of the Year. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations won the Warden's Award. Not-for-profit of the year was the folk society; Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets of Harcourt won the Skilled Trades and Industry Award; Peter Schleifenzbaum won the Entrepreneur of the Year and New Business Award went to Baked and Battered of Haliburton.

# March

## MPP calls Hydro One process 'shameful'

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott called the billing procedure and customer service at Hydro One shameful and criticized a process she said left residents with their electricity unfairly cut off.

"The billing problems at Hydro One have been monumental," Scott wrote in a piece called Navigating the Troubled Waters of Hydro One.

## Skaters win Toni Carr Memorial

The Minden Skating Club won gold at the Toni Carr Memorial Interclub in Woodville on Feb. 28 and March 1. It was the third year in a row the club pulled off the feat.

## Proposed cell towers approved in Algonquin Highlands

Two cell towers proposed by Rogers Communications complied with municipal policy and are moving ahead. The towers were 35 metres tall in monopole style at County Road 8 and Maple Ridge Road. During public consultations, Rogers received comments of support and one in opposition.

## Boys' hockey team goes to OFSAA

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team missed the medal round at OFSAA in Pembroke. Coach Ron Yake said that over the year, the team gained momentum and came together in the Kawartha and COSSA AA championships. "We competed well at OFSAA but we lacked a little puck luck," Yake said.

## Peewee boys crowned all-Ontario

## champions

The Highland Storm boys' peewee team were the winners of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championships. They won over the Ingersoll Express 4-2 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Saturday, March 29. Coach Jason Morissette called it an amazing achievement for the team. They took the series 3-2.

## Land Trust director resigns

After a year at the helm, Larry O'Connor left his position as executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. The board of directors thanked him for his service in a press release issued March 25. He would be replaced by Pat Kennedy in June, who later resigned from the role.

## Girls' hockey team goes to OFSAA

The Red Hawks girls' varsity hockey team left the Ontario Federation of Sports Athletics Associations championships in Kenora without a win. Coach Dan Marsden called the team the "little train that could" saying the wins they had to achieve to get to the Ontario championship required tremendous heart and determination. It was the last year for a girls' hockey team at the high school.

## Rhubarb plans burger joint on Hwy 118

The owners of Carnarvon's Rhubarb announced plans for a second restaurant, subject to property rezoning. Christopher Carl and Terri Mathews-Carl said they intend to build a seasonal take-out burger business on a property they own adjacent to their Highway 118 restaurant. At its March 26 meeting, Minden Hills council granted a commercial exception zoning to the property.

## Algonquin Highlands council considers closing Club 35

Users of Club 35 were asked to come up with a plan to increase use and revenue of Club 35 Community Hall on Halls Lake. During their March 19 meeting, councillors discussed the fate of the building, used mainly by seniors who play cards there. The hall costs \$20,000 a year to operate, with very few rentals per year and an annual donation from card players of \$1,500.

## Pair wins provincial gold

Ice dance pair River Christiano and Morgan Raffo earned gold medals at the Skate Ontario Championships in Brampton on March 15.

## Minden Hills passes on festival for 2015

Community services director Mark Coleman flagged issues with a proposed concert at the Minden fairgrounds to council, suggesting that changes happen and council looks at the proposal for 2016 rather than 2015. Besides paperwork that needed to be filed, Coleman said that the upcoming Pan Am games in Minden would make it hard for the township to manage another sizeable event. A similar event had been proposed to council in 2012 and turned down. Council stated they continued to support the event, or something similar, in principle. In the fall of 2015, event organizers Wolfgang Siebert



Ryan Emmerson is the new manager of the Cottage Country Building Supplies (formerly Carnarvon Castle True Value) store, which was purchased by Emmerson Lumber Limited. Emmerson is looking forward to meeting his customers and was excited about his opportunity after more than 10 years working at the Castle Building Centre Haliburton location. Darren Lum

and John Teljeur brought another proposal to Dysart et al council. It is going through application stages currently.

## Farmers' market pilot gets green light

The farmers' market will be allowed to set up shop in downtown Minden during the summer of 2015, council decided at their March 26 meeting. Council had heard from the Kinmount farmers' market that they were concerned a Minden market could cut into their profits. However, council chose to move ahead with the project.

## Local officer recognized for community service

Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Robin Carmount received the Police Foundations Outstanding Police Officer Service Award for his work with youth. Carmount runs a gym night for children in Minden and was recognized with two other officers at a ceremony March 30.



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# April

## Cold causes low water levels

Cold temperatures and a lack of mid-winter snow-melt created low water levels throughout the feeder lakes of the Trent Severn Waterway. Levels on the Gull River and feeder and reservoir lakes north and south of the river were significantly below normal for the time of year.



## Minister responds to Scott's petition on Carillion

MPP Laurie Scott said she wasn't satisfied with the province's response to ongoing concerns over winter highway maintenance in Haliburton County. The third season of a 10-year contract for Carillion was garnering complaints from residents who said roads were dangerous to drive on due to lack of maintenance. The transportation minister had announced 50 winter maintenance units to clear ramps and shoulders more frequently and 20 new inspectors to provide oversight.

## Tower to be constructed at Fletcher Lake

An 80-metre tower was approved in April to be constructed by Bell at the intersection of Bear Lake Road and Livingstone Lake Road to meet demand for wireless Internet. Consultations with the public had garnered mixed reviews, with some uneasy about the height of the tower, which could impact the aesthetics of the treeline.

## Wilbee drafted to OHL

Mat Wilbee, 15, was drafted by the Ontario Hockey League's Guelph Storm. Part of his success, he said, was from shooting millions of pucks, just like hometown NHLer Matt Duchene. A scout first noticed Wilbee at a hockey camp in Peterborough.

This was the water level on the Gull River in Minden on April 2. Parks Canada said levels would rise once the spring freshet occurs. CHAD INGRAM Staff

## Browning holds skating clinic in Minden

Four-time world figure skating champion Kurt Browning gave local skaters tips during a clinic on April 9 in Minden. Browning brought Stars on Ice to the village to rehearse and as part of his commitment, also offered the clinics and met with local residents. Browning has a seasonal home in Minden Hills.

## Contractor seeks damages on runway cancellation

Contracting company Todd Brothers Limited sued Algonquin Highlands township for breach of contract and sought financial compensation. The case was heard in August of 2014 with the judge ruling there was no genuine issue requiring a trial and ordering the parties to reach an agreement. Todd Brothers wanted \$180,000 in damages. The company was to work on a runway that was eventually cancelled by Algonquin Highlands.

## Handlen trial moves to B.C. supreme court

Accused murderer Highlands resident Sue Shikaze, who is a health promoter for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, was named the Minden Hills community torchbearer for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games Relay. Shikaze not only lives a healthy lifestyle, but is also tireless community volunteer./DARREN LUM Staff

Four-time world figure skating champion Kurt Browning gives local skaters some tips during a clinic at Minden's S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on April 9. Browning, who is seasonal resident of Minden Hills, hosted Stars on Ice rehearsals in Minden. There were chances for the public to go and watch. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Garry Handlen, who lived in Minden off and on for at least a decade, will stand trial with the B.C. supreme court. Handlen, who was arrested on Nov. 28, 2014, in Surrey, B.C., on two counts of first-degree murder, has made a number of appearances in provincial court in Abbotsford. He is charged with the murder of two First Nations girls in the 1970s.

## Shikaze named Pan Am torchbearer

Highlands resident Sue Shikaze, a health promoter, was named the Minden Hills community torchbearer for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games Relay. The announcement was in April and the torch relay was in June of 2014 ahead of the July games. Shikaze said she hoped the games would inspire active living.

## Davis family copes with life-altering event

Steve Davis, 43, had a spinal stroke on April 24, which left him without use of his legs. After spending time at Lyndhurst Rehab Centre, Davis was able to regain some use of his legs. The Davis family received lots of support from the community, from well-wishes to fundraising campaigns.

# May

## Charges against Hicks dropped

Theft charges against former Stanhope Airport manager Duane Hicks were dropped. In January, police announced they had charged Hicks with two counts of theft. Hicks told the Minden Times that he had hired legal counsel and since had the charges dropped.



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Former K1 olympic competitor John Hastings trains for the Pan Am Games and national team qualifying trials at the Minden Wild Water Preserve May 20. Hastings' scores qualified him for a spot on the Canadian national team. ELIZABETH BATE staff

## Pan Am whitewater tickets sold out

The whitewater events for the 2015 Pan Am Games – scheduled for July 18 and 19 – were already sold out as of May 7. Months later, during the games, spectators would comment that it seemed many ticket holders didn't use their passes, leaving the stands sparsely populated at times.

## Dominion Hotel marks 150 years

During 2015, Minden's downtown restaurant and hotel celebrated 150 years in business. Current owners Shawn and Elli Chamberlin bought the building 11 years ago when the building went up for sale after having purchased the next door property – Grill on the Gull. "It was just opportune," Shawn said. "It wasn't intended."

## MP Devolin testifies on Duffy visit to riding

MP Barry Devolin said he felt like a pawn in a chess game when he testified in the trial involving Conservative senator Mike Duffy on May 7.

On the stand for about an hour, Devolin said he was peppered with questions by Duffy's lawyer regarding a specific event the MP hosted in June of 2009. Called Breakfast with Barry, the event was a regular fundraiser of the Conservative Riding Association and in 2009, Duffy was invited as the guest speaker.

## OFSSA bronze for badminton duo

Senior boys' Red Hawks badminton team Caleb Schmidt and Curtis Ballantyne returned from the all-provincials with a bronze medal. Although they were initially disappointed because they were close to a chance at the gold medal, the team was satisfied with their achievement.

## Teljeur new Pinestone GM

John Teljeur, former director of sales for Pinestone, took over on Monday, May 25. Teljeur worked at Pinestone under Delta management from 2002 to 2009. Earlier in the year, Dennis Casey had briefly taken on the role of GM, but had decided not to continue on.

## County opens paramedic base

On May 27, Haliburton County officially opened its new paramedic base along Highway 35 in Minden. That building is located on the property the for years housed Walker's Auto Repair and the official opening was timed to coincide with Paramedic Services Week.

The county purchased the property in 2010. The new location is expected to reduce response times for ambulances and eventually save the county some money.

## Algonquin Highlands spends \$140,000 on legal bills

Algonquin Highlands township spent nearly \$140,000 defending itself against legal action from Todd Brothers



The Dominion Hotel celebrates its 150th birthday. Built in 1865, the business also boasts a pub that regularly features live music and events. /DARREN LUM Staff

contracting. The company sued the township for breach of contract stemming from the cancellation of the cross-wind runway project at Stanhope Airport. Through a Freedom of Information request, the Minden Times obtained the 14 invoices from lawyers for work done on the case. They totalled more than \$137,000.

## Business owner caps Halls Lake spring

A longtime drinking water spring outside the Chip Shop at Halls Lake was closed to the public in May. A sign was erected telling people the "health district" shut down the spring for safety reasons. The local health unit said the spring falls outside their jurisdiction, but said people should use caution when drinking from springs.

## Town gears up for Pan Am

With about two months before the games came to Minden Hills, the paper filled with stories about people getting ready. Parks Canada said that water levels would be fine for the games. On May 20, the qualifiers for the national team were held at the preserve. And Archie Stouffer Elementary School student Shawn Walker was announced as a torchbearer representing his school.

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# June

## Minden Hills pays \$160,000 settlement

Minden Hills paid out a legal settlement of more than \$160,000 earlier in 2015. The settlement came up during a presentation of the town's audit during a May 28 council meeting. Staff would not comment to the paper about the settlement, however, two former staff members sued for wrongful dismissal when they were fired during the previous council term: longtime CAO Gerry Morrison and deputy-clerk Laura Cunliffe.

## Rodeo comes to Minden

The RAM Rodeo Series made a stop in Minden June 27 for the first time. The two-day event drew hundreds. Bringing the event to the village was organized by former HHSS student Joe Shaw.

## Council mulls large solar farm proposal

An Oakville-based company pitched an idea to council to construct a solar farm near the Allsaw flats in Minden Hills. The proposal was for a 300-acre, 40- to 50-megawatt operation just north of County Road 21. There were time constraints on council's approval of the project, which councillors didn't appreciate.

## Orillia Power proposes second generation station

The Orillia Power Generation Corporation wanted to build a second power generation station near Minden. Reps from the corporation, which owns and operates the power generation plant at Minden Lake just north of the village, visited Minden Hills council June 25. They said it would not impact water levels on Horseshoe Lake and offered to trade land. Council said they wanted to wait and gauge public opinion of the proposal before moving forward.

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## Kinmount doc leaves for T.O.

Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas announced that she would relocate to Toronto from the Kinmount clinic for family reasons. Patients were told they could stay on if they were willing to make trips to her new Dufferin Street clinic. She had practised in Kinmount for 11 years.

## Carillion appeals release of contract

Carillion Canada appealed the release of a contract between the company and the province to the newspaper. During the winter, the Minden Times had filed a Freedom of Information request for the contract regarding maintenance of roads during the winter for the region.

## Boshkung Brewing tastes like gold

Carnarvon's Boshkung Brewing took home a gold and a silver at the 13th annual Canadian Brewing Awards in Niagara Falls. The year-old brewery took home gold for its North Country Kellerbier in the kellerbier/zwicked-bier category and a silver with its 35&118 Cream Ale in the cream ale category.

## Pan Am flame tours town ahead of games

On June 4, the torch relay for the Pan Am games came through Minden. The flame began at the Minden Wild Water Preserve and then went to the elementary school before coming to Bobcaygeon Road and Invergordon.



Pan Am Games Torch Relay torchbearer Claudia Van Wijk stops before taking the flame down the Gull River at the Minden Wild Water Preserve during the Minden leg of the Pan Am torch relay on June 4. There were several local torchbearers, including community torchbearers Sue Shikaze and Victor Ettel./DARREN LUM Staff

# July



Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin rings in the start of the first Haliburton County Farmers' Market held in downtown Minden on June 20. Located in the parking lot of the Minden Hills township office, the market was a busy attraction this past Saturday, as visitors flocked to the event, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During his speech, Devolin said he hoped this was the beginning of a long-term relationship in Minden Hills and wished the market many years of success. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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## Meeting reignites Maple Lake weir debate

A meeting of Maple and Beech lakes residents about the Maple Lake Water Retention Project July 4 got people talking about a project to build a higher weir on Maple Lake. Council had already stated it would not approve such a project, but residents continued to talk about the proposal, which would add about two feet to the existing weir.

## Local dancer joins Cirque in Pan Am opening ceremonies

While close to five million people were watching on TV from across the Americas, Jordy Schell danced with a group of close to 150 young people at the opening ceremonies of the Pan Am Games in Toronto July 10. The passionate dancer was inspired by the experience and hopes to further his dancing career.

## No injuries in Stanhope plane crash

A crash left a plane damaged after it ran off the end of the runway and overturned in a ravine during a landing attempt July 9 at the Stanhope Airport. No injuries were reported by the three occupants from St. George, Que.

## Hirstwood pleads guilty

A Minden man was in custody after pleading guilty to two counts of sexual interference and one count of invitation to sexual touching on July 3. Keith Hirstwood pled guilty to the charges in a Lindsay courtroom.

## Minden swept up in excitement of Pan Am Games

It was a once in a lifetime kind of weekend in Minden Hills July 18 and 19 as the Pan Am Games came to the Minden Wild Water Preserve. Local businesses reported an increase in customers and excitement as both visitors and volunteers flooded the town for the event. Four Canadian athletes won gold medals in the whitewater events, which included canoe and kayaking.



Volunteer Joleen Thomas of Carnarvon speaks with other volunteers, who numbered 170, while waiting for the start to the Pan Am Games canoe/kayak slalom event at the Minden Wild Water Preserve./DARREN LUM Staff



Edmonton's Ben Hayward turns for an upriver gate in the men's K1 (kayak singles) slalom event on his way to a bronze medal at the Pan Am Games at the Minden Wild Water Preserve. Close to 500 people saw the event where four medals were won by Canadians, including a gold medal by Jazmyne Denhollander in the women's K1 (kayak singles)./DARREN LUM Staff

## Residents concerned by proposed solar farm

Duck Lake residents registered their displeasure at a proposed solar farm in their neighbourhood at a public meeting July 14. Algonquin Power held the community meeting at the Minden Legion to provide information to the public. "This is really an invasive, dangerous process that concerns me deeply," said Angel Taylor, a local resident and organizer of the group. Solar projects are approved by the province, but the company wanted to get the municipality on board.

## River advocates not sold on hydro proposal

During a second public meeting by Ontario Power in Minden, the company laid out plans for a new hydro plant it wanted to build. On July 16, members of the public gave their input – and registered concerns – with the project. Concerns were raised about water levels and flow and about the wildlife and how it would be affected.

## Council defers Orillia Power vote

Minden Hills councillors deferred a vote on whether to support Orillia Power Generation's proposal for a second power generation station along the Gull River until their Aug. 27 meeting.

## Group organizes against septic application

News of a possible septic site off of Highway 118 spurred a group of neighbours into action, creating petitions, contacting the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and launching an information campaign. The land – four acres within a 96-acre property on 25th Line – is uphill from many of those opposing the site and about one kilometre from Maple Lake. The property owner said that all appropriate regulations were abided by and his property would not affect water quality. Residents did not believe that. The decision was in the hands of the MOECC.

## Blood donor clinics cancelled in Minden

Canadian Blood Services discontinued blood donor clinics in Minden. The last clinic was in May. The decision was based on the number of units collected, transportation and labour cost and the distance from Minden to the nearest processing facility: Brampton.

# August

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The scene after a Maple Lake cotager lands his plane on Highway 35 after losing power. /Submitted

## Plane makes emergency landing on Hwy 35

A four-seat plane touched down on Highway 35 south of Dorset on Aug. 2. During the flight, the pilot, Maple Lake's Doug Norris, lost power and determined the best place to land was the highway near the Frost Centre. No one was injured and the plane was stored at an old baseball diamond until a professional pilot could be brought in to fly it out.

## Algonquin Highlands closes Club 35

Councillors decided at their Aug. 13 meeting that they would close Halls Lake community centre Club 35. Ron Swanson of Club 35 Seniors spoke to council expressing his regret at the decision, but said that he understood that costs of the building were too high given the usage was low. Members of the club will be moving their card games to the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall.

## Orillia Power project rejected

A proposal for an Orillia Power generation station



Kinmount citizen of the year Jane Austin accepts her award.

near the Minden Wild Water Preserve was dead in the water after a unanimous vote against the project by Minden Hills councillors on Aug. 27.

Back in June, reps from Orillia Power, which owns and operates the existing power generation facility at Minden Lake, approached council about building a second generation station on property it owns along the Gull River.

This second facility, which, at 3.5-megawatts would have powered about 1,500 homes, would have harnessed the power of Horseshoe Lake dam and been built near the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

## Minden Hills denies support for solar farm

Minden Hills councillors voted against a support resolution for a solar farm near the Allsaw flats proposed by the Oakville-based Algonquin Power Company. Municipal support resolutions help companies gain points with the provincial government in their applications for projects under

Ontario feed-in-tariff (FIT) program.

# September

## No to hydro projects

Algonquin Highlands council unanimously rejects a proposal from an energy company seeking to construct hydro projects at Buttermilk Falls and the Hawk Lake log chute. Councillors question the local benefits the company contended would stem from the projects and cited the cultural significance of the locations.

## Hit and run

A Minden man turns himself in to the OPP following a hit-and-run incident on Bobcaygeon Road that left another local man in hospital with serious injuries. The 28-year old has been charged with leaving the scene of accident causing bodily harm and will return to court in February.

## Packed house

Haliburton County residents pack the ballroom at the Pinestone for an all-candidates meeting for the federal contenders for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock seat. Candidates were Conservative Jamie Schmale, Liberal David Marquis, the NDP's Mike Perry and Green party representative Bill MacCallum.

## Postal changes

Community mailboxes along Highway 35 in Carriarvon replace pick-up at a postal outlet at a local hardware store. Parcels larger than what the boxes can accommodate will be picked up in West Guilford.

# October

## Water festival cancelled

The Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival, held annually at the Kinark Centre, is cancelled due to work-to-rule job action from the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario. The event brings about 1,000 students from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to the Haliburton Highlands to learn about water ecology.



Former MP Barry Devolin, left, looks on with Jamie Schmale's campaign manager Mark Wood, as MP Laurie Scott congratulates incoming MP Schmale who won the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock despite the Liberal majority in October's federal election. /DARREN LUM Staff

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## New landfill operator

The contract for operation of Minden Hills's landfills is awarded to new company Highlands Environmental. Many residents remark on the positive changes at the township's landfills.

## Field spreader charged

The operator of a sewage spreading field near Maple Lake in Algonquin Highlands is fined by the Ministry of Environment a week after receiving approval from the ministry for the operation of the site. The ministry found the operator had not complied with regulations, spreading sewage when the wind was blowing toward area residences. Residents of Maple Lake petitioned against the facility during the summer.

## You've got Schmale

Conservative Jamie Schmale is elected new MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the Oct. 19 election. Schmale, 39, is a former radio personality who served a decade as executive assistant to former MP Barry Devolin. Devolin did not run for re-election.

# November

## Shoring wall collapse

Minden's Newcastle Street is closed for a number of days after a shoring wall collapses at a nearby construction where a condominium complex is being built. Heavy rains caused the failure of the infrastructure, which was not quite complete. The incident puts the project two month behind schedule.

## No parking

Minden Hills councillors vote to extend a no-parking zone along Bobcaygeon Road from Invergordon Avenue to Fleming Road. During the summer, council voted to eliminate parking along a section of Bobcaygeon Road



A view of the Haliburton County building after a shoring wall collapse at the construction site next door.



The officer driving this cruiser was treated for minor injuries following this single-vehicle collision off County Road 21 the afternoon of Nov. 11. CHAD INGRAM Staff

near the funeral home and renovate a little-used municipal parking lot.

home to Lawrence Pritchard, a former reeve of Minden.

## Joint voice

Haliburton County councillors vote to create a joint group with the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow to better represent area residents when it comes to water management issues with the Trent Severn Waterway. An initial report from the new body is expected to be released in the spring.

## Deal reached

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario reaches a deal with the province, ending work-to-rule measures. The deal came after the province threatened to start docking teachers' pay.

## Big spend

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board votes to spend \$2 million on a centralized electronic records system that would incorporate other small hospitals in the area, as well as Lakeridge Health. Changes at the organization have since made it unclear whether this project will continue.

## Losing a landmark

Minden Hills council votes to demolish the Pritchard House along with the Gelert hall. Both buildings had been closed to the public for years and contained mold and asbestos. The stone-clad Pritchard House was once

## Kennedy convictions

Three of the four men charged with the 2011 murder of county resident Ryan Kennedy are convicted on various charges. Kennedy was 21 when he was killed, found bound and beaten at home off South Lake Road, just outside Minden.

## Wind storm

Some county residents go days without power after power lines are downed by 100-kilometre-an-hour


  
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winds. Some 60 incidents in Haliburton County left 9,000 Hydro One customers without power.

# December

## Salvage yard protest

Minden Hills residents, some carrying placards, protest outside council chambers. A number of residents are opposed to an application for an automotive salvage yard along Highway 35 south of Minden. Council requests the applicants carry out an environmental assessment and noise study.



The Pritchard House on Prince Street in Minden was completely demolished on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The house, which was built more than 60 years ago, was once home to the Pritchard family. It was last used by the Haliburton County Handweavers and Spinners Guild. The Township of Minden Hills decided to demolish the house and the rental residence next door because of the related expenses to rehabilitate both buildings, which had mold and asbestos. The original stone on the Pritchard House was saved./DARREN LUM Staff

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## Refugees

The Ontario government says the Frost Centre will not be used to house Syrian refugees after cleaning crews were spotted at the abandoned provincial facility. Local officials were told by provincial reps the centre was being cleaned and assessed in case it needed to be used to house refugees.

## Carillion contract

A Freedom of Information request by the *Minden Times* shows the contract between the province and company Carillion for the maintenance of provincial highways in the area contains opt-clauses the province can enact if the company is not performing the job properly. Residents have noticed a significant decline in the quality of highway maintenance since the contract began.

## CEO dismissed

Varouj Eskedjian is no longer the CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services after a vote by the HHHS board. An interim CEO takes the helm from Eskedjian, who'd held the position for nearly three years.

## Beer Store moves

The Minden Beer Store will move from Water Street to a new building being constructed beside Dollo's Foodland on Highway 35. The Beer Store has been in its current location for 34 years. A Beer Store rep said the decision was largely about getting the store out of Minden's flood plain.



Newly inaugurated Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt is assisted with her robe by former warden and Township of Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey at the inauguration ceremony for Haliburton County Warden while county clerk and CAO Mike Rutter looks on at the county chambers in Minden on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Moffatt, said tourism is her top priority./DARREN LUM Staff

## Fatal collision

Popular Algonquin Highlands man Michael Jackson, 69, after his vehicle collides with a moose along Highway 118 near the Muskoka border on the morning of Dec. 9.

## Pritchard House demolished

Minden Hills township demolishes Gelert hall and the Pritchard House.



Residents of Hunter Creek Estates were outside Minden Hills council chambers on the morning of Nov. 26 in protest of an application for an automotive salvage yard that would be located on a property abutting the housing development. Council has requested the applicants to prepare an environmental impact assessment and noise study. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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# Becoming the people we want to be



The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE heard that ...

\* New Year's Resolutions are for promise-breakers. You make them, you break them. By mid-February you're crying in an empty room somewhere calling out the name of your hated teacher from childhood.

Well, that didn't work!

\* You want that leftover slice of holiday pie? It's 970 calories – Eat it- and you'll look like it.

\* Feel like skipping out on the gym even though it'll make you feel better – Do it – and you'll be out of shape, flabby and out of breath.

\* Not particularly keen on finishing that novel you've been reading for the last year? Leave it- no one will ever know – in fact you won't know either.

\* Want to yell at that senior in traffic who's driving too slow? Yell at her – you'll be just like her in a few years.

\* New Year's Day Prayer:

Dear Lord - So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord,

I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen.

The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE also heard Pastor David say about New Year's Resolutions...

We often talk when entering a new year about making New Year's resolutions; about becoming the person we want to be. What does that mean? How many choices are there? How many kinds of people can we be? For example: You are to sit down for dinner or for coffee with a number of people - who are you talking to? Biblically speaking, the Old Testament

warns against three types of people and the New Testament commends three types of people. So what's the difference?

In the Old Testament, in the first chapter of Proverbs, wisdom warns against three types of people; First, the simple ones who love their simple ways which means naivety, inexperience, or ignorance. (Spiritually, these people simply need truth to change). Secondly, the mockers who delight in mockery. The second kind of fool here, has a more serious malady because it takes willingness to be a scorner whereas one can be a fool without trying. These people love to make light of spiritual things such as "the man upstairs" or make jokes about spiritual things such as a myriad of stories "at the pearly gates" (Spiritually, these people are much more difficult to change). It often takes a crisis in their life to get their attention. Thirdly, the fool who hates knowledge. This kind of fool is arrogant, foul-mouthed, troublesome, deceitful, disrespectful, untrustworthy, and unpardonable. David said in the Psalms, "the fool has said in his heart, there is no God". (Spiritually, the only knowledge that can reach the fool is the knowledge that the door is shut). Therefore, your interaction with these three people will be totally different. To the simple, it's an invitation, reaching out with truth, a gentle approach. To the mocker, it's waiting for the right moment; perhaps a crisis, perhaps a reflective time. To the fool, only God can change that heart.

In the New Testament, in the second chapter of 1John, John describes the spiritual assets that his readers possessed. First, dear children, because you have been forgiven. They had experienced the forgiveness that their heavenly Father grants to His own. (Spiritually, these are the young Christians. They know what they have been saved from and at that moment, that joy is overwhelming). Secondly, young men, because you overcome the evil one. These are the ones that are quick to defend the faith, to debate doctrine, to champion opinions and who attack perceived compromise. (Spiritually, these are Christians of zeal but their actions defending truth's purity are too often more important than their relationships). Thirdly, you fathers, you have known Him. Through fellowship, they have come to know their divine parent. The experience of knowing the eternal one. (Spiritually, the greatest thought that can enter the human mind is that I can have fellowship with God).

Now when I become judgmental in categorizing others,

may I first examine myself and ask, "that the Old Testament Proverbs speak to me and/or does the New Testament 1John speak to me?" and if so, "who am I?" and/or "what do I need to do to change?" Therein lies my New Year's Resolution.

-----Pastor David Johnson, Minden Bible Church

Some upcoming January Church Community Events Include:

\*January Mid Week Bible Studies – For Info 705-286-1338 (Minden Bible Church)

\*January Sundays - 10:30 a.m. – New Series "How to Love God" (Minden Bible Church)

\*January Mondays – Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Thrift Shop (St. Paul's Anglican)

\*Wednesday, Jan. 6 - 5:30 -7:00 p.m. – Messy Church (St. Paul's Anglican)

\*Sunday, Jan. 10 - 1:00 p.m. - 14th Annual United Church Community Bonspiel at Minden Curling Club-All Curlers Welcome (no experience necessary) Adults \$12, Youth \$6 - Sign-up 705-286-1305 (Minden United) - 5:30pm - Bonspiel Pot Luck Supper at Minden Curling Club(Minden United)

\*Thursday, Jan. 14 - 12:00 p.m. – "Diner's Club Seniors Dinner –705-754-1711 (Minden United)

\*Sunday, Jan. 24 - 11:00 a.m. – Sunday Service/Joyful Noisemakers/Lunch (Minden United)

\*Sunday, Jan. 31 - 10:30 a.m. – Children Will Lead Sunday Worship Service (St. Paul's Anglican)

The contents of this monthly column in the Minden Times are supplied by:

\*Pastor David Johnson – Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd. – 705-286-1338 (Sunday Worship 10:30am)

\*Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark – St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon St. – 705-286-2541 (Sunday Services/Sunday School 10:30am with Holy Eucharist)

\*Father Placid Obiji – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. – 705-286-4117 (Mass Sunday 10:30am)

\* Rev. Max Ward – Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. – 705-286-1470 (Sunday Services 11am)

Submitted by Don Ballantyne

## Attention Parents & Grandparents

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## UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at [classifieds@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:classifieds@haliburtonpress.com).

### Dated Events

#### Haliburton County Folk Society Open Stage

When: Sat. Jan. 9 at 7:30 pm  
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum  
Come share your musical talent and enjoy the music of other talented musicians.  
Contact: Guy Pritchard 705-754-3881

#### Razzamataz Kids' Shows! presents "Alice"

When: Sunday, January 10, 2:00 pm  
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion - Haliburton  
Join us for an amazing show! Presented by Motus O Dance Theatre, "Alice" is an innovative, witty and vibrant interpretation of Lewis Carroll's famous novels, Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. Everyone will recognize Carroll's eccentric characters, from Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, to the Mad Hatter and the vivacious Queen of Hearts. Rich in athletic choreography, coupled with mime, spoken text and with an eclectic musical score, this fast paced production will hurl you into another world and leave you breathless. Professional dancers will be joined on stage by dance residency participants. \$10 for adults, \$7 for children over 2.  
Contact: [www.razzamataz.ca](http://www.razzamataz.ca), email [info@razzamataz.ca](mailto:info@razzamataz.ca) or phone Dawn Mole-Hurd (chair) at 705-854-0728

#### Sir Sam's Ski Challenge

When: Sunday Jan. 10th  
Where: Sir Sam's Ski / Ride  
Family Fun ski race (runs for 7 Sundays plus final race Saturday March 6th) (\$40.00 entry fee per person)  
Contact: [chris@sirsams.com](mailto:chris@sirsams.com) 705-754-2298

#### HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse

When: Wednesday, January 13, 10 am to noon  
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Harco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton Village.  
Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

#### HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, January 13, 10:30 am to Noon  
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

#### Youth Baking Workshop presented by the Haliburton Highlands Museum

When: Saturday, January 16th, 10am-12pm  
Where: Upstairs at the Haliburton Arena  
Kids aged 8 and up are invited to join Judy Carpenter and museum staff to learn how to bake old-fashioned treats! This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.  
Contact: 705-457-2760 or [info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](mailto:info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)

#### WILBERFORCE: Meet the Nurse

When: Thursday, January 21, 10 am to noon  
Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre (2249 Loop Rd.) in Wilberforce  
Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

# Bantam A Storm continues to improve

The Highland Storm Bantam A team met with the Huntsville Otters, Saturday afternoon for an entertaining game that ended in a 3-3 tie. The Storm came out flying against the Otters, however it was the Otters that got the first goal. During an Otters' power play in the Storm's end, Zach Morissette intercepted a pass that sent him on a breakaway. He out maneuvered the goalie and got a bar down short-handed goal, making it 1-1. The Otters turned it up a notch and took a two-goal lead. The Storm continued to work hard which paid off later in the third period. First, a pass from Nigel Smith to the point, a shot by Austin French got by the goalie making it 3-2. Then, it was a hard drive to the net by Zach Morissette, his shot was saved but Lucas Haedicke was there to pick up the rebound and tie the game 3-3. Awesome effort by everyone!

As the regular season winds down, the Highland Storm Bantam A team continues to improve, preparing for the upcoming playoffs. They defeated the South Muskoka Bears 4-2, Sunday afternoon in Bracebridge. This was a great accomplishment for the Storm, as the Bears have held first place in their division, throughout the season. The Storm got on the scoreboard early in the first period. A feed from Billy Walker and Noah Black, along the boards, found the stick of Owen Smith. He zipped by the defence and top cornered it, for the first goal. Minutes later, the Bears tied it up. Early in the second period, the Bears took the lead with a goal. Back and forth action continued. Later in the second period, the Storm had a man advantage and dominated the play. Some quick passes and good manoeuvres found the Bears on their heels. A shot by Austin French from the point, got the goal to tie the game 2-2, assisted by Nigel Smith. Both teams came out strong in the third period. It was a screen shot from the point by the Storm's Shawn Walker that took the lead, minutes into the period. The one goal lead provided intense end-to-end action. That ended when Owen Gilbert got the empty netter goal, sealing the win late in the third.

#### Midget girls Jets take on Comets

The Bancroft I.D.A/Canadian Tire midget B girls' Jets returned to the ice Sunday afternoon in a home game rematch against the Cold Creek Comets, who they tied 2-2 on the road in their last ice time before their winter break. The two week lay-off showed as the rusty Jets struggled to gain their pre-New Year form. Cold Creek opened the scoring late in the first period capitalizing on a turn-over in the Jets' defensive end, slipping a hand-cuffing shot into the net. The 1-0 deficit put the Jets on their heels, and with just seconds left in the first period, Cold Creek took a 2-0 lead stealing the puck in the high slot and putting a screaming wrister in the top blocker corner. The second period proved to be the equalizer as the Jets capitalized on their chances against the Comets and tied the game at 2-2 with snipes from Kelsey Maracle and Danielle Sunstrum. Maracle had a beauty turn-around slapper off a Cold Creek turn-over and a minute later, Sunstrum's quick snap shot from the slot eluded the Comet tender. The Jets battled the remainder of the game but could not break the tie, stealing a point in their bid to maintain first spot in their East loop of the midget B LLFHL division. The Jets host the Ennismore Eagles Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. in Bancroft and then are in Orillia the weekend of Jan 8 to 10 to participate in the Orillia Hawks Tourney to sharpen their game as they push into their fast arriving play-off schedules. The Jets will host Ennismore again on Saturday, Jan. 16 in Haliburton at 5 p.m. in their last home game of the regular season. Their last three regular season games will be on the road where they will travel to Peterborough on Sunday, Jan. 17, Keene on Thursday, Jan 21 and then wrap-up their regular season against the Peterborough Ice Kats on Saturday, Jan. 23. Good luck Jets!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

#### Peewee A Storm challenges Muskoka

A visit to the Muskoka rock was just what the hockey gods had in mind for the JoAnne Shapley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Peewee A team. A team desperate for a win,

having only two in their last seven, including a tie. A team looking to set a tone and create some good habits as they look forward to a much deserved spot in the International Silver Stick Tournament finals this weekend, held in Forest, Ont. Joe Boice had a hat-trick and four assists, Alex Little had a hat-trick as well, adding an assist. Tyson Clements and Nick Phippen both had nice games adding three helpers each. Darian Maddock again let in only one goal, as he has kept the opponents to two goals or less in 32 of 43 games this season, nine of those being shutouts.

Although the leaders of this team show it profoundly with a ton of scoring clout, unflappable defence, and great goaltending, it's this team as a whole and the sum of its parts, which makes the engine run soundly and at a high voltage. They would not have enjoyed the success they have this season, had they relied on just a couple players to carry the majority of the load. The past game being prime example of that, as the entire team had real-estate on the score sheet; Ty Mills, Aiden Neave, Jake Sisson, Aaron Bellefleur, Hunter Winder, Cole Prentice, Colin Glecoff, Dylan Keefer, Brenden Newhook all contribute drastically spreading out the attack in the process, and being a tough team to defend against.

Good luck this weekend boys.

#### Midget A struggle with Otters

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team travelled to Huntsville for a Saturday and Sunday away series against the Huntsville Otters Dec. 2 and 3. As the first game opened it appeared the Storm had perhaps indulged in a little too much turkey over the holidays from "Dollo's Foodland" as they were on their heels and quickly ran afoul (or is that a-fowl) of the rules and found themselves down 2-0 on power play tallies in the first. The second did not fare much better as the Otters outscored the Storm 3-1 with the lone local tally by Jaden Wood to finish the second 5-1. The third continued along the same path with the team's parents watching in despair, gritting their teeth (which could be repaired by "Smolen's Dentistry" if need be) at the eventual 8-1 outcome.

The following afternoon found a much more energized Storm squad hit the ice and the first period found both teams trading chances with the Storm's Owen Patterson-Smith scoring first, on the power play, but Huntsville tied it before the period ended. In the second the intensity ratcheted up with the Otters pulling ahead on a power play but our own Jaydon Wood found the back of the net to tie it, but alas the hosts tallied one more for a 3-2 lead into the third. As the third started Jacob Haedicke backhanded a shot past the Otters netminder to even the count but the Otters responded to again pull ahead. The third expires in a penalty filled affair with the visitors unable to find the equaling score and it finishes 4-3 in a much more competitive contest.

The Midgets play a rare Tuesday game this week in Minden at 8 p.m., then are off to Parry Sound this weekend for the final tournament before playoffs.

Submitted by Katie and Dave Howe

#### Novice's amazing eight wins the game

The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm hosted the Port Carling Muskoka Rocks for a double header at the A.J LaRue arena. The first game the Highland Storm played one of their best games of the season. The first two periods the Storm and Rock battled, going into the third 2-1. However in the third period the Storm scored an amazing eight goals beating the Muskoka Rocks 10-2.

The second game the Highland Storm fought for the first two periods but let five goals in during the third period. Losing 5-0 to the Muskoka Rock. The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm journey to Port Carling to play the Muskoka Rock on Jan. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

# First 2016 book sale next weekend

## AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse the last of our visitors have headed for home after an arrival delayed by heavy snow up in the Gravenhurst area. We have been "forever friends" however the conversations are now more focused on grandchildren's endeavours with the occasional reference to our medications and blood pressure readings..Bruce's results are so on target that Dr. Mihu writes them out for him to post on the refrigerator in the midst of assorted photos and artwork by those said grandchildren. We can always tell when granddaughter Emma has re-organized that gallery as young Ben proudly attired in his "Clippers" hockey jacket has now disappeared again under the trailer photo of her in the Canadian feature film "It was you Charlie". Over the holidays we had two Christmas dinners, a wedding anniversary and two birthdays. We still smile remembering the phone call from daughter Megan's kindergarten teacher suggesting that I might wish to review with Meg the timeline of certain family events. She had apparently informed the class that her brother David had been born on Christmas morning and that her parents got married two days later somehow neglecting to mention the four year interval between these two blessed events. .

For a great family country experience plan to come to the

Community Sleigh Rides on Saturday, January 16th at the Pearson Hunt Camp on the Galway Road. There will be horse drawn sleigh rides courtesy of Mash Hill Carriages, a toasty bonfire, a warm cozy cabin and lunch available for purchase at a nominal charge. This annual event begins at 12:30 p.m. and funds raised redirected to a worthy community cause.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library group will hold its first monthly Book Sale for 2016 on Saturday, January 16th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Branch. The news that 3 libraries located in the City Of Kawartha Lakes including Burnt River are being closed should serve as a sharp reminder that it is critical that residents utilise the services and resources available to them. The Kinmount Library offers a variety of programmes for pre-schoolers, school age children, adults and families and is able to assist with regard to computer access and skill building. If you are interested in becoming involved with the work of the Friends group new volunteers are most welcome and more information is available by contacting librarian Mary Ann Dobsi at 705-488-3199. This need to take advantage of our local resources also applies to our Kinmount Community Centre which offers several weekly programs and is available for rental at reasonable rates. Located on the Centre's lower level is the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace now in its 18th year. Like the Joanie Mitchell song lyrics " You don't know what you've got till it's gone" lets ensure that valuable community resources are well utilised and events supported. Please note that the Artisans Marketplace is closed for the month

of January for upgrades and will re-open the first Friday in February.

So mark your calendars now for two upcoming events sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development Committee at the Community Centre. On Saturday, January 23rd it's "Family Music Night and P.J. Party" with doors open at 6:30 p.m. and music turned on at 7 o'clock. Admission is free with the Snack Bar open by donation. Then on Saturday, February 20th the annual "Family Snowflake Ball" will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with no admission charge and Snack Bar open by donation.

At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount regular activities resume with monthly Big Bucks Bid Euchre on Wednesday, January 20th at 11 a.m. The fee is \$10 which includes lunch. For a full listing of events and programs at this busy Branch visit its Facebook page.

On Friday, January 22nd the Kinmount Agricultural Society will hold its Annual General Meeting & Pot Luck starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Galway Hall. The famous Kinmount Fair held every Labour Day weekend once again benefits from the efforts of so many volunteers and to learn more about potential involvement why not drop by. .

The above items are only a partial list of happenings here in our area and for more details visit the website at [kinmount.ca](http://kinmount.ca). Again please give me a call if you have family news to be shared such as special birthdays, anniversaries, visitors and other events. In the meantime keep busy and well. They go together.

## County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

### County Card Scores from late December 2015:

Dec. 14 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Bruce Armstrong 6,600, Jackie Metcalf 5,330. Kathie Porter 5,090 and Ross Davies 4,900. Paul Pethick received the Lucky Loonie while Bruce Armstrong and Carol Bowker teamed up for a Small Slam.

Dec. 16 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Leading in North/South were Peter O'Connor and Margo Davidson 66 percent and our interim bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh partnered with Diana Spicer 55 percent. Over in East/West Frank Schlotter and Reet Murray took top honours at 62 percent then Mary Johnson and Judy Neumann 55 percent.

Dec. 17 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Pearl Cowen 305, Dorothy McElwain 246, Ida Young 241 and Sharron Atkinson 236. First for the gents at 267 was Howard Smith followed by Jesse Barlow 244, Marcel Roussel 243 and Kevin Maloney 224. Our reporter Bev Johnson held the hidden score, Anne Manning won the card draw and Albert Foster the call 1 while Pearl Cowen, Bev Johnson, Ida Young and Jesse Barlow [2] took the moonshots. .

Dec. 18 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: playing Howell Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies were first at 69 percent then Joan Davies partnered with Sue Pethick 63 percent, Margo and Tom Davidson 62 percent and Willie and Jack Cox 51 percent.

Dec. 18 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was James Bastedo, for lone hands Pat Bailey, for low hands our reporter Shirley Howe and for the special prize Nick Boekestyn.

Dec. 20 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that Ida Young took top marks at 291

then Archie Ross 260 and Pat Norman 252. Archie Ross held the hidden score, Nancy Gibson won the card draw and Tom Grix the call 1 while Theresa Deak, Archie Ross, Pat Marshall [2] and Diane Wigley claimed the moonshots.

Dec. 21 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Kaye Godden and Howard Smith with Elaine Smith and Lil Mann posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Marion Stickwood with Elaine Smith awarded the special prize. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this news.

Dec. 22 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Holding the most lone hands was our reporter Nancy McPherson with Shirley Davis high lady and Donna Darby low. For the gents Tom Grix was high man and Jim MacPherson low while Neil Darby won the draw.

Jan. 4 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Pearl Cowen and Kaye Godden with Barbara Braithwaite and James Bastedo posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Lil Mann while Yvonne Arbuthnot claimed the special prize and Betty Sharpe took a time out to visit with the skunk. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this update.

Jan. 4 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that Hazel Benetin led the scoring at 288 followed by Dana Briscoe 282 and Ron Morrison 275. Hazel also won the draw and took a moonshot along with Ron Morrison.

Jan. 4 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for both high hands and the special prize was Bev Johnson, for lone hands Margaret Fletcher and for low hands Arthur Forbes. This news comes in from our reporter Sherin Brown.

## Notices



Township of Algonquin Highlands

### NOTICE

### Proposed Road Naming By-Law

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O., 2001, c.25, as amended, the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands at its Regular Meeting to be held on

**Thursday, January 21, 2016**

will consider a by-law to provide for the naming and renaming of all public and private roads for the purpose of accomodating the addition of private road names within the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Additional information, and a copy of the proposed by-law, is available from the Township office during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

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## DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano  
705-766-0076  
malfano@hotmail.ca

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you have a year filled with fun and laughter, health, wealth and happiness and many blessings in 2016!

From yoga teacher Ingrid Bittner: "Last week was a lovely class of Yoga and magical sounds of Ocean drum, subtle African rhythms and singing bowls. This was a beautiful ending of the year for our little community. Wishing you all Inner Peace and Calm for your Holiday Celebrations! Classes will resume Wednesday January 13th to start the New Year so come and join us together renewing spirit and energy." Ingrid's classes take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Dorset Rec Centre. She can be contacted at [ingridbittner@gmail.com](mailto:ingridbittner@gmail.com) or 705-783-1691.

The next Snowball meeting is on Tuesday, January 12 at 6 p.m. at the rec centre and all are welcome.

Family Kung Fu classes at the Dorset Rec Centre will be running for 6 weeks on Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. starting on January 9. This traditional martial art builds character and teaches respect and discipline. The cost is \$30 for the session and registration is required. For more information or to register, contact [recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca) or call 705-766-9968. Funding is provided by the Government of Ontario.

Are you brave enough to take the

plunge? The Dorset Volunteer Fire Fighters Association are partnering with the Dorset Lions Club to raise funds for the Dorset Community Health Care Hub with the first annual Dorset Polar Plunge to take place on Saturday, February 20 during the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival.

You are invited to participate as an individual, family or group for a few memorable moments of hilarious laughter, an invigorating bath and all the while being applauded by those that were too chicken to join you. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, most individual pledges, and group pledges. A minimum pledge of \$25 is required to enter along with a signed waiver and consent form. Forms can be found at the Dorset Rec Centre. For more information, please call Chris at 705-349-1317.

There are 2 guided snowshoe hikes taking place at the Frost Centre trails this January. Be sure to sign up if you are interested – these popular hikes fill to capacity so don't be disappointed. A special price for trail pass and equipment rental is being offered – all for only \$5! The first hike takes place on January 21 and the theme is "Wild in Winter". Take a walk on the wild side with wildlife biologist Mike Buss. Explore the trails in winter, look for wildlife and their signs and gain insights into how they cope with cold temperatures and deep snow. The time is 10 a.m. to 12 noon meeting at the Frost Centre Ski & Snowshoe Trails - Algonquin Highlands Trails Office, 20130 Hwy 35, 12km south of Dorset.

On January 28 the theme is "Winter Ecology". Discover the serene beauty of our forest landscape in winter and explore

winter ecology with hike leader, naturalist Sheila Ziman. The time is 10 a.m. to 12 noon also meeting at the Frost Centre Ski & Snowshoe Trails. Both hikes are funded by the Government of Ontario. Cost is \$5 per hike and includes equipment (or bring your own). Registration is required. Contact [recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca) or call 705-766-9968.

Birthday wishes for December 27 to January 9 go out to Hailey Pulfrey, Larry Bradbury, John Clayton, Jordan Wilson and Ethan MacKay. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to [malfano@hotmail.ca](mailto:malfano@hotmail.ca) or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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## 650 OBITUARIES

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**Luella Holt**  
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden on Tuesday evening, December 22, 2015 in her 75th year with her family by her side. Cherished daughter of Aylmer & Esther Moore. Predeceased by her brother Bob and daughter-in-law Denise. Dear sister of Lois (Rex), David (Brenda) and sister-in-law of Evelyn. Lue married Don Holt and was blessed with four boys, Wayne (Cindy), Bryan (Nancy), Paul (Roxanna) and Glenn (Kay). As life moved on, Lue became a grandmother to Luke, Ryan, Keri-Lynne, Jason, Adam, Matthew and Emily and later a great grandmother of eleven. Lue and Barb have been constant companions and partners for over 35 years. Loved and respected by her family and friends, Lue's faith and strength will continue to encourage many.

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Beloved wife of the late Bill. Loving mother of John Ellison and daughter of Bessie and the late John Puckering of Georgetown. Dear sister of Donald and his wife Jean Puckering of Terra Cotta and aunt to Glen and Patti and their families.

It was Mardell's wish for cremation and for a Private Family Graveside Service to take place in the Spring.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Ron's Life at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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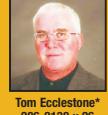
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**Maple Lake \$219,000**

**SOLD**

- Charming 3 Bedroom Cottage
- Sunny Southern, Sandy Shoreline
- Over 1/2 Acre Lot
- Comes Furnished and Ready to Enjoy
- Boating and Exploring on a 3 Lake Chain

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**Kushog Lake View \$75,000**

- Year round access between Minden and Dorset
- Easy access to snowmobile trails
- Gorgeous view across Kushog Lake
- Driveway in and partially cleared, ready to build!

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**Close to Ski Hill \$34,500**

- Building lot in Eagle Lake Area
- 1.37 acres with frontage on 2 municipal roads
- Easy access with services at lot line
- Public beach, shopping & restaurants nearby

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**Head Lake Haliburton \$79,500**

- Fantastic Triple lot in Haliburton
- Located on a quiet dead end street surrounded by towering red pines
- Access to private boat launch, private beach and picnic area
- Private Boat slip available

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